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PRESS RELEASE

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 7-31-2001 4:00 PM
DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 7-31-2001 8:20 AM
NATURE OF CALL: SEXUAL BATTERY ARREST
LOCATION OF CALL: GRANITE BAY
CASE NUMBER: SO-01-11788
SUSPECTS: LAWTON, BRIAN, AGE 51, GRANITE BAY

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

At approximately 8:20 AM today investigators from the Placer County Sheriffs Department and the Dental Board of California arrested Brian Lawton, 51 years old, of Granite Bay for sexual battery. Lawton is accused of sexual battery of a female patient who was at his dental practice for treatment.

Approximately two weeks ago, an adult female went to Lawton's office for dental work. While in the chair during treatment, Lawton allegedly fondled the victim's breasts. Detective Angela Dewolf began an investigation into the allegations and was able to obtain evidence that led to the issuance of an arrest warrant for Lawton. Today the warrant was served at his practice, and he is currently being held at the Placer County Jail on a bail of \$25,000.00.



The Dental Board of California is conducting an administrative investigation that could lead to non-criminal sanctions.

RELEASED BY LT. RICK ARMSTRONG

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